

Appl. No. 10/608,337

Amendment dated July 19, 2006

Reply to Office Action of April 19, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 2 per the Office Action's request. The attached replacement sheet replaces the original Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Status of Claims

This paper cancels claims 1-23, 25, 28, 39, 40 and 44-61 without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 25. New claims 67-73 have been added. Claims 24, 26, 27, 29-38, 41-43 and 67-73 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration of the rejections of all claims and allowance are earnestly solicited in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Oath/Declaration

A new oath/declaration is being submitted herewith to cure any deficiencies.

Objection of Drawings

Appropriate corrections have been made to Figure 2 per the Office Action's request. Withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the Office Action objected to Figure 2 as it stated that reference characters 112a and 112b were not mentioned in the specification. However, Applicant notes that these reference characters can be found in paragraph 39 of the specification.

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been objected to for various informalities. The specification was objected because the Office Action alleged that terms in claims 6, 13, 18, 45, 48, and 49-56 lacked antecedent basis in the specification. These objections are no longer applicable as these claims have been cancelled.

The Office Action also objected to the specification because it alleged that the term “communications engine” is not described with the required degree of specificity to teach how to make and/or use the “communications engine.” Applicant respectfully disagrees. Support for what a communications engine is can at least be found in paragraph 18 of Applicant’s specification. More specifically, as stated in paragraph 18, “[c]ommunications engine 108 may in embodiments be or include resources separate or independent from any underlying operating system under which the processes 102a, 102b . . . may run.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraph

The Office Action rejected claims 1-23, 39, 40, 44-49, 53, 54, and 57-61 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and rejected claims 19, 39, 40, 44, 48, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of these rejections.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejected claims 50-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. These claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 24, 26, 29, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Applicant’s acknowledged prior art. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 25 that the Office Action indicated as

being allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection and an allowance of claim 24 and its dependent claims.

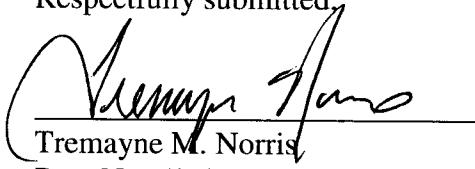
Moreover, new claims 67-73 incorporate subject matter from claims 32, 35-38, 41, and 42, respectively, that the Office Action indicated as being allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a prompt allowance of these claims as well.

CONCLUSION

Claims 24, 26, 27, 29-38, 41-43 and 67-73 are pending in this application. In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and acknowledgment of the same by a Notice of Allowance. Should however any issues remain before the issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to expedite the resolution of the same. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 referencing Attorney Docket No. MFCP.102770.

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Respectfully submitted

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